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Natural Resources Conservation Service  
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«Salutation» «First\_Name» «Last\_Name»  
«Address\_1»  
«Address\_2»  
«City», «State» «Zip»

Re: Application No. «Contract\_Number»

Dear «Salutation» «Last\_Name»:

Thank you for your interest in the Wildlife Habitat Incentive Program (WHIP). We have received your WHIP application for assistance but due to the unavailability of funds we regret that we are unable to fund your WHIP application at this time. Your application will be held on file for consideration if funds become available at a later date. However, there are other options you may wish to consider. The Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) has other financial and technical assistance programs that may be able to assist you in meeting your wildlife conservation objectives.

The Environmental Quality Incentives Program (EQIP) provides financial and technical assistance to eligible applicants to address resource concerns on eligible land. This includes the protection, enhancement, or development of wildlife habitat. While somewhat different from WHIP, the EQIP program offers many benefits that may be available to assist you in meeting your conservation objectives to promote wildlife habitat. Additional information on what is available through EQIP can be found at your local office or on the NRCS Web site at

<http://offices.sc.egov.usda.gov/locator/app?state=ia>.

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Although we encourage you to keep your WHIP application on file should funds become available, you may exercise any of the following options by either by calling or stopping by your local NRCS office:

- ☐ Retain this application on file should funds become available.
- ☐ Retain this application on file should funds become available and submit an application for EQIP.
- ☐ Cancel my WHIP application.
- ☐ Defer this WHIP application until the next fiscal year.
- ☐ If you are interested in applying for EQIP, stop by your local NRCS office to fill out an application.

Thank you for your interest in conserving natural resources. If you have any questions or concerns please contact your local NRCS office.

Sincerely,

Richard Sims  
State Conservationist

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